Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Alan Charles Johnson was born on April 15, 1955, to Charles and Eunice Johnson in Rapid City, South Dakota, the eldest of four children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Alan graduated from Rapid City Central High School in 1973, studied auto mechanics at Wahpeton, North Dakota, until 1975, and worked for various businesses in Rapid City; and,

Whereas, Alan married Monae Nupen on March 20, 1982, during a spring blizzard, and to this union three children were born, Anthony, Adam, and Alecia; and,

Whereas, Through a courageous step of faith, Alan moved his family to Pierre in June 2003 in order to start his own business, Mid-Dakota Diesel; and,

Whereas, Alan loves to hunt elk, deer, and turkeys and shares his sporting activities with his sons and wife, Monae, who was successful on her first elk hunt due to his guiding abilities; and,

Whereas, Alan is very proud of his family: Anthony, who attends South Dakota School of Mines and Technology; Adam, who attends the United States Military Academy at West Point; his daughter, Alecia, who is still at home; and foster twins, Shawntay and Shawntel; and,

Whereas, Alan will observe his 50th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State